

Buffalo County Mutual Aid Association -MEETING MINUTES -

Amherst: Steve Harmony, Kevin Rumbeck, Glen Brown
Buffalo County Sheriff: None
Elm Creek: Jeff Davis, Jeff Schnacker
Emergency Management: Darrin Lewis
Gibbon: Lee Vohland
Good Samaritan: None
Kearney: Jerry Thompson

Kearney PD: Dan Lynch
Miller: Randy John, Wes Quail
Pleasanton: None
Ravenna: Don Zimmer
Shelton: None
Guests:
None

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Davis

MINUTES previous meeting approved as presented. As our last meeting was actually in October those were the minutes and treasurer's reports that were read and approved.

PROGRAM-- None

OLD BUSINESS-- None

NEW BUSINESS-- Jeff Davis discussed that Joe Hansen from the State Fire Marshall's Office wants to have a class for the departments in Buffalo County on using the automated system to report fire data. Joe would like to have this in January, February or March. A disk will be provided for those in attendance. Discussion centered around the difficulties several have had in using the program. Advised that they need to be taught how to use it and submit reports. After discussion, January 13th will be the date given to Joe.

Jeff brought up contact from the State on the Mutual Aid Task Force Calling Tree. This is an effort for the State to become more organized in summoning Aid during bigger fires such as in Valentine and Chadron. It was discussed to send our Mutual Aid Book but that some updates needed to be done. Darrin asked that if we could submit the updates he would attempt to update the book in the future. He advised that it would be sometime before this was done, but that if the info is sent to him, he'll attempt to make an electronic version of the Mutual Aid resource book. Our response to this request was tabled until next month.

Dan Lynch asked if anyone was in need of light bars. Some may be available through TSA. Gibbon may need one and Elm Creek may also need one. Lynch will try to see if they are still available.

Darrin Lewis brought up some new information on major fires and aid from NEMA. He provided samples of the form necessary to seek aid. This form and the protocol requires that the incident commander name the fire and provide this info to NEMA. It was also discussed by Jerry Thompson that you need to advise NEMA before using aircraft to suppress a fire or each agency is responsible for the costs. These costs may be capped at \$10,000.00 as well.

Darrin Lewis asked each department to provide numbers on portable and mobile radios. He will use the grant award to replace that which we can. As the request was cut in half, we do not have sufficient money to do everything we had planned. Darrin needs the count as soon as possible to begin ordering after the first of the year.

Darrin had emailed the matrix for the geo notification system and has some data back. He'd appreciate all department's getting this to him again, as soon as possible. Use of the system is a growing tool for KVFD and they have broached just a few of the applications to date. Specialty teams and groups can be created and would be useful.

The Arena and Storm Hockey are having an appreciation night for area Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement on January 20th. A brochure was handed out. Cabela's is having a sale this weekend with special discounts for Fire/EMS/ Law Enforcement with ID.

Darrin reminds everyone to check the Buffalo County Mutual Aid web page for training updates. www.buffalogov.org has a link.

Firefighter 1 training at KVFD has only 3 people registered. Class requires 14. Anyone having people who need this should register. This course is now taught by State Fire Marshall's office to provide consistent information and the ability to make up classes missed.

Jeff Schnacker asked about the protocols on use of the Haz Mat team and cited the diesel spill they recently had on I-80. There was some confusion about who might come and what should be done. DEQ had advised that if water was used clean up and disposal would be responsibility of Elm Creek. As such DOR brought sand and that was what was used. Darrin advised that a simple diesel spill is an Operator's level not a Technician level call. NSP who had the accident has their own CERT teams and can call if they feel it is necessary.

Lee Vohland mentioned ID cards and Darrin stated that he will come to the departments to do updates as needed. He'd appreciate a month's warning.

MEMBERS REPORT

Amherst-- None
Buffalo County Sheriff-- None
Elm Creek-- Will be having a pancake feed on the 27th from 5-8 at the Firehall.
Emergency Management-- None
Gibbon-- None
Good Samaritan-- None
Kearney FD-- Stag on the 11th at Firehall, Fries etc. each department is invited.
Miller-- None
Pleasanton-- None
Ravenna-- None
Shelton-- None
President—Jeff Davis

Next meeting Next meeting will be on January 9th, 2007 at 8:00 PM location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned--

Respectfully submitted Dan Lynch Secretary-Treasurer